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Reich's Ford Bridge
Ijamsville
Public

1905

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reich's Ford Bridge # 72 over Bush Creek
AND/OR COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Reich's Ford Road over Bush Creek

6th E. D. 9

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Maryland

— VICINITY OF Ijamsville

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Frederick County Roads Board

Telephone #: 663-8300

Montevue Lane

STREET & NUMBER

Frederick

CITY, TOWN

Maryland, 21701

STATE, zip code

— VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reich's Ford Road Bridge over Bush Creek is a simple one span pony pratt steel truss bridge, fifty-two feet eight inches in length and seven feet ten inches high with rivetted connections. The side railings on the bridge are badly rusted. The bridge, as indicated by a plaque placed on the bridge was built by the York Bridge Company in 1905.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT York Bridge Co.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reich's Ford Road Bridge was constructed by the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania in 1905.

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There are over forty iron and steel truss bridges still in existence in Frederick County, Maryland. But, with increasing development in the area many of these bridges will be destroyed because of additional tonnage requirements demanded on highway structures.

Iron truss bridges portray an important step in bridge engineering design and were the most popular form of bridge construction in Frederick County, Maryland between The 1870's and the 1930's. One of the earliest mentions of iron bridges in Frederick County is found in The Frederick Examiner dated September 13, 1854, which states that iron, rather than wood, was now being used for bridge building and it was hoped that iron bridges would soon be built in the county. It was not until the 1870's however, that the county commissioners began using iron truss bridges almost exclusively in county bridge construction. Some of the most popular companies contracted to do the work were the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, Ohio; King Iron Bridge and Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Groton Bridge Manufacturing Company of Groton, New York and the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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3/9/78

ORGANIZATION

DATE

12 East Church St. Winchester Hall

663-8300

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Frederick

Maryland (21701)

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

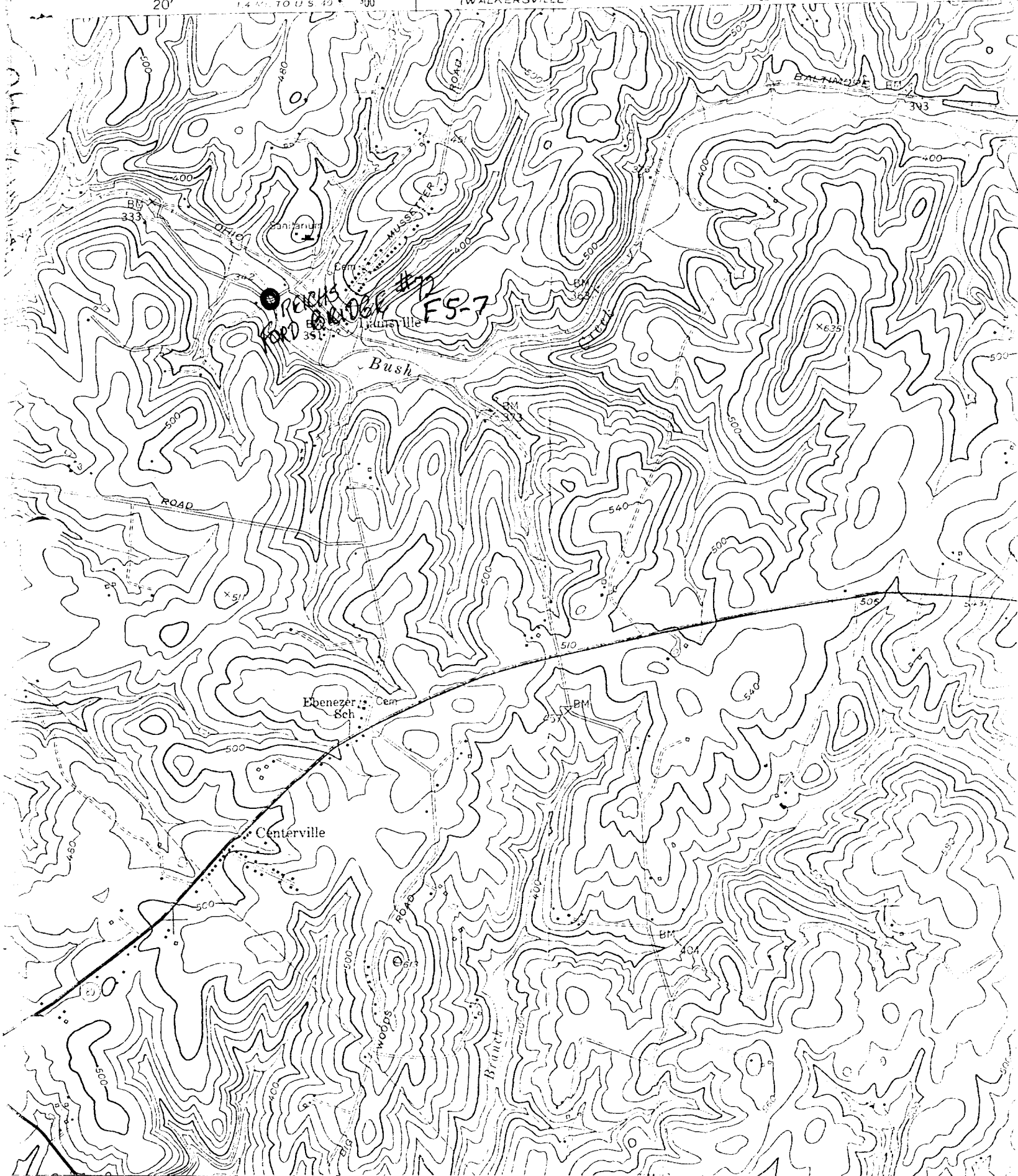
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

URBANA
QUADRANGLE

20' 14 1/2" TO U.S. 49' 300 5562 IV N (WALKERSVILLE) 302 17'30" 303





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Reich's Ford Road west of Ijamsville
West view

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